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DUTCH STRONGLY CRITICAL British Mishandling Of Java Situation

LONDON, OCT. 17. A BATAVIA DISPATCH FROM THE DUTCH NEWS AGENCY, ANETA, SAID LAST NIGHT THAT DR. SOEKARNO, NATIONALIST LEADER, HAD EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE DUTCH IN THE INDIES, BUT A NETHERLANDS RADIO SAID THAT DR. H. A. LOGEMANN, MINISTER OF OVERSEAS TERRITORIES, DECLARED: "THERE CAN BE NO QUESTION" OF DUTCH NEGOTIATIONS WITH SOEKARNO.

LOGEMANN ADDED, "HOWEVER, THE DUTCH ARE READY TO NEGOTIATE WITH ANY SUITABLE INDONESIAN LEADERS. THE DELICATE SITUATION ENSUING WAS NOT TREATED ACCORDING TO THE WISHES OF THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT."

He declared that the anti-Dutch movement in Indonesia at the time of the Japanese surrender was stronger than had been anticipated because of Japanese inspired propaganda. Valuable time of one and a half months was lost between the time of Japan's capitulation and the landing of only 2,000 men in Java, Logemann asserted.

He referred to what he called British mishandling of the situation, and said the British government had been informed of the close connection between the Japanese and Dr. Soekarno. The Dutch government, he asserted, "considers it a mistake that the British government gave publicity to their intention of occupying only Batavia and Soerabaya." — Associated Press.

UNEXPECTED TURN

LONDON, OCT. 17. The Free Indonesian Radio today branded as completely false,

the reports that Indonesians had declared war on the Netherlands. It said they were "only evil provocations of foreign agents who are trying to discredit the Indonesian republic. The Indonesian republic wishes it emphasized that its policy is one of respect for the principles of peace, humanity and justice." — Associated Press.

BOGUS LEAFLETS

Batavia, Oct. 17. There is no state of war between the Indonesians and Dutch, as reported on Sunday, it was officially stated here to-night.

An announcement by the Headquarters of the Allied Forces in the Netherlands East Indies said: "The information reported resulting from the spreading of bogus leaflets, issued by extremist youths in an attempt to stir up the struggle."

The Indonesian Republican Radio, broadcasting from Bandung, said to-day that Dr. Soekarno's Republican Government in no way sponsored "declaration of war." — Reuter.

"Far East Awake"

LONDON, OCT. 17. "THERE IS A BODY OF OPINION IN THE LABOUR MOVEMENT HERE WHICH IS VERY CAUTIOUS IN ITS ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE NATIONALIST MOVEMENTS IN THE FAR EAST," SAID MR. W. C. COVE, M. P. IN AN INTERVIEW.

"I am extremely anxious about unfavourable repercussions upon Indian opinion, for the Labour Government must not do anything to shake the faith of the Indian people in our pledged word for Indian independence."

"It is sometimes asserted that the nationalist movements are mere camouflage by which the native exploiter substitutes himself for a foreign one. Investigation, I suggest, would be welcomed by the Indonesian Republic."

"It is probably essential for

British foreign policy that we cultivate friendship with France and the Netherlands but Britain should be aware of the dangers involved in the Far East."

"The Far East is awake and on the march to independence and any efforts we make to prevent one nation from achieving independence are now regarded as an affront to the rest of the Eastern nations."

"We must bear in mind that impoverished Europe is facing Asia awakened from slumber — an Asia which will undoubtedly free herself from bondage." — Reuter.

U.S. Point Scores Cut

WASHINGTON, OCT. 17. THE NAVY DEPARTMENT RELEASED GOOD NEWS TODAY FOR UNITED STATES NAVY PERSONNEL ON SHIPS AND AT BASES AROUND THE WORLD.

It announced reductions in point scores for the greater part of the personnel, intended to release one-third of the naval armed strength by the year's end. Further cuts are predicted in December, and January.

With the November 1 score, enlisted men are reduced from 44 to 41, officers from 48 to 46 and from 39 to 32; enlisted "waves" from 29 to 26. — Associated Press.

Tito's Aim

Belgrade, Oct. 17. Marshal Tito announced to-day plans for the development of a powerful new Yugoslav Army, which will be worthy, he said, of our allies, the Red Army. He indicated that Yugoslav industry would be kept busy preparing equipment for the new army. — Reuter.

SAIGON INCENDIARISM

Severed factories and warehouses in Saigon were gutted last night in fires started by Annamite nationalists. — Reuter.

Deep Concern For Internees

Batavia, Oct. 17. The situation of Dutch civilian internees throughout Java is causing deep concern. Members of the R.A.P.W.I. organisation have been arrested by Indonesian nationalists and thrown into gaol. It is feared that some thirty thousand internees are in very real danger. — Reuter.

DIPLOMATIC INCIDENT AT BELGRADE

BELGRADE, OCT. 17. THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY HAS REPORTED OFFICIALLY TO THE YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT THAT AN AUTOMOBILE CARRYING THE WIFE AND DAUGHTER OF U.S. AMBASSADOR RICHARD C. PATTERSON WAS HALTED ON FRIDAY BY SOLDIERS WHO REFUSED TO ALLOW THE OCCUPANTS TO TELEPHONE THE EMBASSY.

The report was delivered to the Yugoslav government, even though an assistant of the Foreign Minister, as soon as he heard of the incident, called upon the Embassy and apologized in the name of his government.

According to the information received by the Embassy, the soldiers who were controlling the road traffic were adamant although the car flew the United States flag and Mrs. Patterson produced her American passport and her Yugoslav diplomatic visa.

The automobile, which was en route to a monastery, turned back and an officer with the guards was reported to have remarked that the car's occupants "might be spies." — Associated Press.

Martial Law In Hungary

Budapest, Oct. 17. In connection with the state of siege declared in Budapest, the Budapest radio said: "The state of siege has been declared because of the spreading of rumors throughout the whole country."

"Every person committing or attempting murder or robbery will be tried by court martial. There will be no appeal against the sentence of the court martial and if the accused is found guilty he will be executed within three hours after the date of sentence has been passed." — Reuter.

Chinese Revive The Seamen's Union

THE "CHINA MAIL" LEARNS RELIABLY THAT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OF CHINA HAS AUTHORISED THE RE-OPENING OF THE CHINESE SEAMEN'S UNION IN HONG KONG, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Offices have been established in China Building, with Mr. Wong Chun, Chung, who arrived here from Chungking by air, at the head of affairs. Registration of those qualified for membership—captains, chief officers, engineers, firemen, etc.—has commenced and membership has already reached 2,000.

Enquiries are made into the qualifications of each applicant for membership, as the Union undertakes full responsibility for its members, who may be employed either by the Admiralty, Government or private enterprises. This Hong Kong Chinese Seamen's Union is the only legal institution of its kind in the Colony and that all seamen's clubs and associations will be affiliated. It is learned that one of the leading Chinese shipping companies in the Colony has already received instructions from its head office in Chungking to work in close co-operation with the Union.

EXTENT OF JAP PLUNDER

TOKYO, OCT. 17. THE EXTENT OF JAPANESE PLUNDERING OF CONQUERED COUNTRIES WAS DISCLOSED TODAY BY THE NEWSPAPER "ASAHI" WHICH SAID THAT PRINTING PRESSES BACKED BY JAPANESE ARMED FORCE HAD DELUGED CHINA WITH WORTHLESS CURRENCY.

It estimated the total at \$54,000,000,000 (U.S. dollars) face value.

Notes totalling four trillion yuan were issued by the Central Reserve Bank of China, the financial agency backed by Japanese militarists.

This sum at the official rate of five yuan to one equalled 800 billion yen, nearly 20 times the wartime homeland note output of the Bank of Japan, which contributed largely to Japan's inflation.

Troops of the United States army's American division discovered a cache of Japanese silver bars valued at more than \$1,000,000 (U.S.) hidden in an abandoned machine shop. (The American is the only U.S. army division with a name instead of a number. It was one of the earliest in the South Pacific and got the "cal" combination ending on its name from New Caledonia, its early base.) — Associated Press.

The Commander of the Chinese 13th Army, General Shek Kok, has left for Shanghai by plane to confer with General Tong Yan-pak with regard to billeting and supplies for the 13th army personnel expected to leave Kowloon next week.

World Air Speed Attempt Postponed

HERNE BAY, OCT. 16. THE ATTEMPT AT THE WORLD AIR SPEED RECORD BY BRITISH TWIN-ENGINE JET-PROPELLED METEOR PLANES OVER A THREE KILOMETRE COURSE OFF THE KENTISH COAST WILL NOT BE MADE UNTIL EARLY NEXT WEEK, THE MINISTRY OF AIR-CRAFT PRODUCTION ANNOUNCED TO-NIGHT.

Earlier, it was stated that the attempt was being made this week-end.

When the planes attack the record radio location will be used experimentally to record the result.

Radar will give immediate results but it will not be regarded as the official verdict, which will be based on cinematograph and camera recordings. The course is clearly marked

by floats and balloons to give the pilots the fullest guidance in their six hundred mile an hour dash.

Yesterday, a Meteor plane, but not of the precise type that will make the record attempt, flew over the course at 440 miles an hour, but an official of the Ministry of Air-craft Production said that "there was no attempt at speeding."

During the record flight, the planes will make four runs, two up and two down the course, and the claim to the record will be based on the average of these four runs. — Reuter.

THREE ESCAPE FROM WHITFIELD

Three Formosan internees escaped from Whitfield Barracks Internment Camp between midnight on Monday and noon on Tuesday.

The names of two of them, Furuki, aged 42, and Fatai, 39, are known, but the name of the other is at present unknown. They were dressed in Chinese clothing when they escaped.

ENTITLED TO BE IN

Washington, Oct. 17. Representative Springer spoke in the House to-day against any formal national celebration of the victory over Japan, as long as many servicemen are waiting overseas to be brought home.

He said one soldier from Guam wrote that 48 ships had sailed to take part in the celebration and added: "We can't understand that policy." — Associated Press.

MR. CHUTER EDE GETS SHOT AT

LONDON, OCT. 16. THE HOUSE OF COMMONS LAST NIGHT CARRIED BY 275 TO 143 VOTES AN AMENDMENT TO EXTEND THE DEFENCE REGULATIONS TO FACILITATE DEMOBILISATION AND RE-SETTLEMENT.

AFTER MR. C. H. OLIVER, HOME OFFICE UNDER-SECRETARY, HAD MOVED THE AMENDMENT, MR. MANNINGHAM BULLER (CONSERVATIVE) ASKED FOR INFORMATION AS TO THE KIND OF REGULATION IT WAS INTENDED TO CONTINUE. FOR INSTANCE, WOULD THE DIRECTION OF LABOUR BE CARRIED OUT?

Mr. Oliver replied that it was impossible at this stage to indicate the precise regulations the Government had in mind.

Mr. Oliver, who during the speeches had been in consultation with the Home Secretary, rose to say that he had had an opportunity of considering the points raised.

"The regulations" he said, "will govern the control of premises for storage purposes, for trading centres or storage of goods and uniforms for the men who are to be demobilised."

After further Opposition speeches, the Home Secretary, the Rt. Hon. Chuter Ede, said they were in the process of demobilising a very large number of men and women into a country which had suffered very considerable losses of houses, factories and other things needed to provide the demobilised people with homes and work.

RE-SETTLEMENT

It would be necessary in certain cases to arrange for their re-settlement. That did not mean taking workers from one part of the country to another. But it did mean that certain regulations, due to expire on February 24th, would have to be revived for the purposes of re-settlement.

"We do not mean to put men into jobs they do not want," he said. "This clause would not cover that."

Mr. Baxter (Conservative) asked: "May we have the Home Secretary's assurance that this amendment will not be used in any way of compulsion in the re-settlement of the men?"

The Home Secretary replied: "This amendment will certainly be used for compulsion but not for compulsion of that kind. If we require a piece of land for the purpose I have indicated—a house for a man for instance—we shall use the compulsory powers, the regulations give us, to take that piece of land."

HUMAN BEINGS

To the interruption "will that apply to human beings?" he replied: "In this amendment we do not propose to take any powers for the direction of labour in the sense that you are a plumber—you must have a job in Newcastle—we want you to work in Salisbury. This amendment deals with men whom, owing to acts of the enemy, we are unable to provide with the necessary accommodation."

Replying to Mr. Keeling (Conservative) who asked for an assurance that these powers would not be used to turn people out of their homes for the benefit of those demobilised, he said he could give no pledge. It might be necessary to use the powers for settling—Reuter.

JOHN AMERY GIVEN RESPITE

LONDON, OCT. 17.

The application at the Old Bailey to-day for postponement of the trial on a charge of high treason of John Amery, a son of Mr. L. M. Amery, former Secretary of State for India, was granted. The trial will be taken at the November Sessions. The Judge said that the trial would have to go on soon whether the defence was ready or not. — Reuter.

Attempt To Seize Payroll

JERUSALEM, OCT. 17.

A BRITISH COMMUNIQUE REPORTED ON TUESDAY THAT A BAND OF ARMED JEWS ATTEMPTED TO HOLD UP A BRITISH LORRY CARRYING THE MILITARY PAYROLL, BUT WAS FRUSTRATED WHEN A BRITISH ESCORT OPENED FIRE.

A bystander, who was not involved in the hold-up attempt, was wounded, the communique said. The bandits lowered a railroad crossing gate at Shuna Hattiva, about five miles northeast of Lydda in their effort to halt the lorry, but the driver crashed his vehicle through the obstruction and continued the journey, the communique reported.

A Jewish major attached to the Palestine training depot at Tel Aviv was taking the payroll to a military camp at Beit Nabala when the armed brigands appeared at the crossing. The truck carried an escort of three other ranks who opened fire. — Associated Press.

Infantry To Join Pay Corps

LONDON, OCT. 17.

HUNDREDS OF INFANTRY WILL GO INTO ACTION THIS WEEK TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS NO BREAKDOWN IN THE RATE OF ARMY DEMOBILISATION.

They have been lent by their regiments to Pay Offices all over Britain to help in clerical work. They have had weeks of an intensive course to prepare them for the job.

Most of them will take over from the Royal Army Pay Corps clerks who have been handling soldiers and dependents' accounts. This will free the clerks for the more skilled task of dealing with releases. — Reuter.

200 HOLD UP TRAIN

ROME, OCT. 17.

A SERIES OF TRAIN ROBBERIES WERE REPORTED TO-DAY TO HAVE SWARMED RAILWAY TRAFFIC IN THE "HEEL SECTION" OF ITALY'S BOOT.

At least five train robberies have been reported in ten days and armed police have been patrolling the area.

The news service Ansa said ten hold-up men were arrested on Tuesday following a robbery near Tavano, in which passengers were held up by an estimated 200 armed men. Allied soldiers and carabinieri frustrated an attempt to hold up a supply train near Naples. — Associated Press.

VICTORY MEDAL PROBABLE

LONDON, OCT. 16.

When asked in the House of Commons to-day if a decision has been reached regarding anomalies arising over the terms of qualification for various campaign stars and medals, and if the Government intended to issue a Victory Medal, the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, replied: "I have a scheme under consideration. It is necessary to consult the Dominion and Indian Governments before any recommendations can be made." — Reuter.

Washington, Oct. 17. Mr. E. Erikson, now Swedish minister to the United States, conferred to-day with U.S. Secretary of State Acheson on his first visit to the State Department. — Associated Press.

Haifa Court Scene

Haifa, Oct. 17.

Sentences ranging from three to seven years imposed by the Military Court here to-day on eighteen young Jews and two Jewesses found guilty of illegal possession of arms and explosives.

Twelve of the men received seven years and two girls three years each. After the announcement of the sentences the twenty accused stood to attention and sang the Jewish Anthem "Hatikva."

Their relatives, who were present in the court-room joined in the singing with tears streaming down their faces. — Reuter.

LATEST NOTICES

REPATRIATION NOTICE
No. 20.
S.S. "EMPIRE LAGAN".
UNITED KINGDOM.

1. The following is a list of passengers for the above named vessel:—

Miss E.C.K. Anstey, Miss O. Archangelsky, Miss E. S. Atkins, Mrs. O. Bateman, Miss M.N. Baxer, Miss A. Berzin, Mrs. M.V. Blake, Mrs. L.W. Braga, Miss J.P. Braga, Miss R.M. Braga, Mrs. R. Gilbert, Miss G. Gilbert, Mrs. A. Rickett, Miss M.M. Tyrrell, Miss M.S. Watson, Mrs. M. White, Miss M. White, Mrs. M. White, D.B. White, Messrs. J.W. Anderson, R.W. Bateman, J.V. Braga, Dr. G.C. Carnaval, N.V.A. Croucher, D.L. Dawson, P.B. Esdakoff, P. Gilbert, W. Gilles, G. Gerard, G. Guerci, H. Jephson, J. Kempton, J. Kimutrai, N.A. Kothari, A.C.H. Lay, A.T. Lay, A. Lazzari, M.M. Mattinson, W. McLeod, J.D. McClatchie, J. Michie, B. Plumb, Dr. P.S. Selwyn-Clarke, C.L. Smith, E.P. Streathfield, F.A. White, J. Franklin, R. Drinkwater, V. Simmons, M.P. Kelly, J.R. Mumford, B.A. Maher, R. Morrison, W.D. McMaster, P. Voronoff, G.E.L. Johnson, M. Johnson, J. Lee, Z. Komorsky, W. Houston, S.E.M. Humphrey, E.G.K. Humphrey, D.M. Paterson, H.J. Hunt, and A.M. Hunt.

2. Hongkong passengers assemble at Queen's Pier at 11.00 a.m. on Saturday, 20th inst., and Kowloon passengers assemble at Kowloon Godown Wharves at 12.00 noon.

3. Embarkation cards will be handed to passengers at Queen's Pier and Kowloon Wharves. Passengers must not board the vessel without first obtaining their embarkation card.

REPATRIATION OFFICER.
17th October, 1945.

REPATRIATION NOTICE No. 21
AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

1. The undermentioned are listed for H.M.S. REAPER, which will be sailing for Australia on Friday 19th October:—
AUSTRALIA: Miss R. Leong, and Mrs. M. Turnbull.
NEW ZEALAND: Mr. & Mrs. H. J. Low and children, Mrs. M.S. Chan Yin and children.

2. Hongkong Passengers will assemble at Queen's Pier at 11 a.m. on Friday October 19th and Kowloon passengers will assemble at the Kowloon Godown Wharves at 12 noon.

Embarkation cards will be issued at assembly points. Passengers must not board the vessel without first obtaining their embarkation cards.

CANADA.

The undermentioned are listed for the S.S. SHARIBANK, which will be leaving for CANADA within the next few days. Those listed are requested to call at the Repatriation Office, Hongkong Bank Building, during the afternoon of Friday, 19th October, to obtain confirmation of arrangements.

Mr. & Mrs. O. Pearson-Grant, Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Bailey, Mr. P.S. Chan.

REPATRIATION OFFICE.
17. 10. 45.

NOTICE

HARBOUR DEPARTMENT
TELEPHONES

33668 Commander A. S. D. Rydor, R.N., Harbour Master.

33667 Lieut. Comdr. J. E. Davis, R.N.R., Deputy Harbour Master.

33677 Lieut. Comdr. D. Drake, R.N.V.R., Morohant Navy Liaison Officer.

25913 Lieut. E. Maxwell-Holroyd, R.N.V.R., D.A.D.O.A. Harbour Department.

33607 Lieut. E. Youngusband, R.N.R., Shipping and Clearance Office.

33630 Mr. T. E. Jackson, Principal Surveyor of Ships.

33739 Mr. F. Pratt, Chief Inspector of Lights.

34066 Mr. J. P. Whitefield, Chief Inspector of Lights.

28630 Boarding Office.

34379 Ships Surveyor Office.

33639 Junk Office.

26918 General and Accounts Office.

33634 Port Health Officer, Dr. Yeoh Guan Eng, M.B., B.S., H.K.

58880 Mr. V. Chittenden, O.C. Yauwatt Govt. Slipway.

TOBACCO RETAILERS
LICENCES

The issue of Tobacco Retailers Licence under the Datable Commodities Ordinance will commence on October 19th. These licences will be issued to persons occupying shops and portions of shops only and the licensee will be allowed to sell at the specified premises and not elsewhere. The stocks of persons found selling without a licence will be seized.

Applicants for licences will be required to register and deposit two copies of his or her photograph (passport size). Three days later (Sundays excluded) he will call again at the Imports & Exports Office, and if the licence has been approved, it will be issued on payment of the licence fee.

The licence fees are:—

Group I. In Victoria or in Kowloon south of Waterloo Road, Gascoigne Road and Chathan Road.....\$30.00

Group II. Elsewhere in Hong Kong or in Kowloon or New Kowloon.....\$20.00

Group III. In the New Territories except New Kowloon.....\$10.00

These licences will be for one year from the date of issue and they will not be issued to hawkers.

Applicants who hold Tobacco Retailers Licences issued in 1941 are requested to bring the old licence with them.

Applications for licences and photographs should be handed in on the dates shown below:—

Group I. VICTORIA only October 19th & 20th.

Group I. KOWLOON only October 22nd.

Group II. October 23rd.

Group III. October 24th.

H. A. TAYLOR
Superintendent,
Imports & Exports,
17th October, 1945.

WARNING TO THE PUBLIC
OF HONGKONG.

THE HONGKONG BREWERY & DISTILLERY, LTD., wishes to inform the public that the crude imitation liquor labelled GOLDEN DRAGON BRANDY (two label bearing the name of the Hongkong Brewery & Distillery, Ltd.) which is now on sale in this Colony, was put on the market when the Brandy was under Japanese control and management. This liquor has not been produced since the Hongkong Brewery & Distillery, Ltd., reverted to its former British management, which is now investigating the question of the possible production of one or more of its own staff with the Japanese in the production of this highly harmful liquor.

CIVIL AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATION.

FINANCE BRANCH.

TYPEWRITERS, ADDING MACHINES, CALCULATORS.

Tenders are invited from the Public for the cleaning and maintenance service of Government typewriters, adding machines, calculators on the basis of a monthly contract of a flat rate price for each set of machine.

Full particulars can be obtained from the D. A. D. O. A. (Finance), Treasury Offices, 1st, Des Voeux Road, central.

All tenders shall be in triplicate and in sealed covers clearly marked with the words "Tender for cleaning and maintenance of Typewriters, etc." and this should reach the Treasury not later than the 27th October, 1945.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

T. G. STOKES
D. A. D. O. A. (Finance).
Hongkong, October, 1945.

GOSPEL HALL

Duddell Street.

Friends meeting formerly at the above Hall hope shortly to resume services at a convenient place. Will interested friends, whether English speaking or Chinese, communicate with Mr. J. Bau, 40, Cadzow Road.

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Mr. D.C.W. Fitches and daughter, Winifred, wish to thank all friends who attended the funeral of Mrs. Helen Fitches, and those who sent wreaths and messages of condolence in their bereavement.

FOOD PRICES

Government's proposal to bring about modification in tramway fares, reducing rates, shows a more ready appreciation of the real nature of the economic problem confronting the Colony than has hitherto been plainly demonstrated. It is true that, in the matter of the general price level, the aim and purpose of official policy has still to be disclosed. But if it is, as we suppose it must be, to restore prices, ultimately, to levels approximating those prevailing prior to the 1941 blitz, then few of its previous adventures into the economic realm can be scored as an advance to vantage points from which the objectives still to be won can readily be attacked.

There is, for instance, something to be said in support of that school of thought which contends that price control efforts, so gingerly ventured, have been futile. The argument is that unless Government is prepared to be as forthright and drastic about every commodity as it has been about rice, it is wasting time and energy. In some respects, this represents ingratuity. It is a problem of magnitude as well as extreme intricacy. It is worth while noting, however, that Government, seeking a more satisfactory solution to its rationing problem, is creating another, one which throws the whole price issue into the forefront again. More persons thrust upon the market means either more protests or more distress in terms of strict calculation. It might be wiser to do something about profiteering first. The position now reached appears to be, more or less, that shopkeepers, paying no heavier rents than in 1941, paying no rates, no electric light bills, taking advantage of cheap rice, of Government's attempts to cheapen fish, peanut oil, and so on, still feel themselves at liberty to demand between ten and 20 times pre-war prices for various goods, for instance. It is mostly pre-war stock. In a few cases, the source of it would bear investigation. These facts are simple enough. To find a method of dealing with them offers more difficulty. There is, however, only one way of treating the problem, if it is to be tackled at all, and that is, attack on a broad front. One suggestion offered was a blanket order, prohibiting the sale of any article at a price higher than, say, three times above pre-war. To the extent that goods would merely disappear from the market, the answer submitted was, Better force closure of business than accept flagrant profiteering. Objections are obvious, but the suggestion does indicate the way the public mind is working. And it is the mind of that section of the public which feels that it is suffering rather unequally the burdens of Hong Kong's painful re-birth.

Sports Club
Meeting

Less than a dozen members of the Sports Club, King's Building, remain in the Colony judging by the attendance at the first meeting of the club on Tuesday last.

Most of the furniture is there but all crockery and kitchen utensils are missing, as is the bar counter. The billiard table is in the Supreme Court, and an attempt is now being made to transfer it back to its old home. The premises are quite habitable, and there appears to be little reason why the club cannot be reopened as there are numerous civilians who are anxious to have the opportunity of a spell of club life.

The members present at the meeting were unable to arrive at any decision regarding the future of the club, but various suggestions are now under consideration.

The Sports Club is probably the only club in the Far East that was founded as an international club. Many have become international over a number of years.

VOLUTEERS

All personnel who have dependants who are rationed by H.K.V.D.C. and who are at present in this colony, will at once forward to the Adjutant, in writing, full particulars together with such evidence as they may have, for example, marriage and birth certificates, or other written evidence signed by a responsible person. Particulars would include date of marriage, date of birth and sex of children, etc. Written evidence should also be forwarded as to particulars of near relatives at present drawing rations, e.g. aged parents, etc. Particulars would include evidence as to relationship. All enquiries for ex P.O.W. & Internees should be addressed: Allied Prisoners of War & Internees, Lost Persons Bureau, Room 310, Hong Kong Bank.

Enquiries re H.K.V.D.C. personnel should be addressed to Adjutant H.K.V.D.C., P.O. Box 1, Hong Kong. Pte. T. Ho, previously reported M.B.K. now reported alive.

Major-General S. K. Yee, C.B.E., Liaison Officer between the Government and the Hong Kong Government, is expected to leave by air early this morning for Chungking. He may return to Hong Kong before Christmas.

LOAN DECISION
BELIEVED NEAR

NEW YORK, OCT. 17. THE "JOURNAL OF COMMERCE" IN AN EDITORIAL, SAYS THAT AN AGREEMENT ON A FIVE-THOUSAND MILLION DOLLAR LONG-TERM CREDIT TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IS BELIEVED TO BE NEAR.

THE QUID PRO QUO THAT THE AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVES ARE EXPECTED TO BRING BACK IS A COMMITMENT TO MODIFY IMPERIAL PREFERENCES AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS THAT AFFECT OUR FOREIGN TRADE ADVERSELY.

Explaining the British viewpoint, the paper says that American public opinion, however, "will not be content to see the problem from an exclusive British viewpoint. They will insist on trade concessions."

"One suggestion is that the most favoured nation clause be amended to provide that trade concessions made by one country to another shall be extended to third nations only on the same terms."

This would necessitate a third nation making concessions instead of obtaining trade favours without return.

In this modified form, the most favoured nation clause could be used for trade bargaining and yet would end the imperial preference which cannot

be secured by other countries now on any automatic basis."

NOT READY
Britain is not ready to the exclusive trading policies in return for a dollar credit "for she fears she cannot attain the dual objectives of the large volume of exports and stable employment by so doing, but all through the 1930's similar arguments were advanced against efforts to restore free worked trade."

Either in the present negotiations or at the projected commercial policy conference that will follow, a start should be made towards modifying bilateral trading restrictions to begin the process of liquidating the restrictive commercial policies of the 1930's," the paper concludes.—Reuter.

BUT THERE'S A SNAG

WASHINGTON, OCT. 16. ALL GOODS BRITAIN BUYS IN THE UNITED STATES WITH FUNDS LOANED HER BY THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE TO BE TRANSPORTED IN AMERICAN SHIPS UNLESS CONGRESS REVERSES EXISTING LEGISLATION, IT WAS LEARNED TO-DAY.

Several officials believed mistakenly that it applied only to loans made by the Export-Import Bank.

However, a check on this ruling emanating from a joint resolution passed by Congress and signed by President Roosevelt in 1934, shows it applies to "exports fostered by loans made by any instrument of the United States government."

British officials are expected to object vigorously to such conditions when the question is discussed, for it would mean that Britain's great merchant

fleet could not be used to carry purchases from the United States and that part of the loan would be used to pay American shipping charges.

EARLIER REFUSALS

For the same reasons, Holland and Norway have refrained from accepting loans offered them by the Export-Import Bank. To meet this objection it is believed American officials will consent to include a clause asking congress to waive this provision in loans to maritime nations. But whether Congressmen—many of whom already have criticised aid to Britain—will approve such a step was said to be doubtful, especially in view of the strong sentiment for an enlarged American merchant marine.

Present indications, however, are that if the administration approves the loan to Britain, it will not specify that it all be spent in the United States. It is presumed, nevertheless, that Britain will spend several hundred million in the United States for materials needed to convert her own economy. One possibility is that Britain might try to circumvent the provision by spending only her own funds in the United States and spend the loans elsewhere, but Britain would have to increase her export trade to gain additional dollars.—Associated Press.

DEATH OF
MRS. FITCHES

It is with regret that we announce the death of Mrs. Helen Fitches, aged 41, wife of Mr. D. C. W. Fitches, Acting Controller of Posts, on Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Fitches had undergone three major operations in recent years and, due to internal trouble, she had been in an alling condition for sometime past. She was admitted to hospital at 4.30 p.m. on Sunday and died at 1.30 p.m. on Monday.

The funeral, which was attended by some 200 people, took place at the Old Residents' section of the Colonial Cemetery, Happy Valley, on Tuesday evening, the service being conducted by Rev. H. A. Wittenbach.

Mrs. Fitches, who has a young daughter, Winifred, had been a resident of Hong Kong practically all her life and had a wide circle of friends here. Her family is in Peking.

LOOTERS GAOLED

Three months' hard labour was imposed on Wong Hang, 19, Ip Fan, 18 and Leung Shu, 17, by Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday for larceny of a bundle of electric wire from a block of houses known as Government Quarters, Ventris Road on October 14. Sergeant V. Morrison prosecuted.

Kuala Lumpur, Oct. 16. Three British banks re-opened and tele-communications services were resumed in Kuala Lumpur to-day. The banks opened for new business only.—Reuter.

DEATH MARCHES

Melbourne Radio says that the Japanese responsible for the infamous Sandakan "death marches" are in Australian hands. More than 2,600 Australian and Allied prisoners-of-war died on these marches.—Reuter.

The New
Find In Holy
Land

JERUSALEM, OCT. 17. A COMPLETE SCIENTIFIC STUDY OF ANTIQUITIES FOUND NEAR JERUSALEM IN THE BETHLEHEM HIGHWAY WITH INSCRIPTIONS WHICH IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED MAY BE LAMENTATIONS FOR JESUS BY PEOPLE WHO ACTUALLY SAW THE CRUCIFIXION, IS BEING PREPARED AND WILL BE PUBLISHED IN DUE COURSE BY PROFESSOR ELIAZER SUKENIK OF THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY.

Professor Sukenik, was in charge of the excavations when the discovery was made.

A statement issued here to-night by the Director of the Palestine Department of Antiquities, with Professor Sukenik's approval, says that until a scientific study is published, it would be premature to assume any connection between this tomb and any known event or person in Sacred History.

The name "Isos" ground "one of the stone ossuaries—receptacles for bones—is a Greek form of the Jewish name "Joshua" says the statement. The cross marked on each of its four faces is identical in form with the ancient Hebrew letter "Tav" drawn in charcoal.

Professor Sukenik stated soon after his discovery that he believed the cross signs were pictorial representations of what happened to Christ. Evidence led him to believe that the inscriptions written in Greek lettering with charcoal on soft stone were genuine lamentations written by the followers of Christ in the first half Century soon after the crucifixion.—Reuter.

Nurses Have
Grievance

Probationer nurses in Queen Mary Hospital are up in arms, and for what seems a good reason too.

They state that:—
1. They are being paid on the same scale as in December 1941, i.e., a monthly salary of \$55;
2. An allowance of \$40 is given for "rehabilitation";
3. High Cost of Living allowance of \$10 is allowed each probationer;

4. A daily charge of \$7 is made for three meals; or
5. If Chinese food is "preferred" (two meals described as "chow for coolies") then a daily charge of 90 cents is made.

Over and above these charges, each probationer has to provide her own white stockings (cotton) at \$15 per pair, and shoes at between \$45 and \$50 a pair.

"What," asked one of the probationers, "do they expect us to do?"

WOMAN LET
OFF LIGHTLY

Charges of harbouring or concealing Leo Poo-chai, Formosan, described as a Japanese guard, at No. 88 Argyle Street, first floor, on October 2, were preferred against Leung Nui (24), before Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jnr., president, Capt. D. L. Strollett and Capt. C. D'Almada yesterday.

Accused pleaded not guilty, saying that she did not mean to harbour the man. She intended to report to the Police, but was stopped by Leo.

Mr. A. el Arculli, prosecuting, stated that Police Sergeant Satter, with a party of marines, raided the premises and Leo, who was employed by the Japanese as a guard in Stanley Internment Camp, was found hiding behind a wardrobe in accused's cubicle.

As the prosecution did not take a serious view of the case, Mr. D'Almada imposed a fine of \$100 or three weeks' simple imprisonment.

SPECIAL CONSTABLE
CAUTIONED

A Special police constable, Lok Yuk-ling, 32, of No. 7, Shan Kwong Road, second floor, was charged before Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday, with unauthorized possession of ammunition.

Mr. M. K. Lo was for the defendant, and Sergeant Fraser prosecuted. Accused was cautioned and discharged.

An attempted armed robbery at No. 24 Mercer Street, shortly after 6 p.m. yesterday was frustrated when the occupier of the premises courageously resisted and the four men, one armed with a revolver and three with daggers, "left in a hurry without taking anything."

Three Mayors To Rule In Jerusalem?

LONDON, OCT. 17. THE PARTITION OF JERUSALEM INTO THREE SEPARATE MUNICIPALITIES — ARAB, JEWISH AND CHRISTIAN — IS TO BE RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMISSION APPOINTED TO EXAMINE THE DEADLOCK OVER THE QUESTION OF THE JERUSALEM MAYORALTY AND COUNCIL, ACCORDING TO REPORTS QUOTED LAST NIGHT BY DANIEL AUSTER, JEWISH DEPUTY MAYOR OF JERUSALEM FROM 1934 UNTIL JULY THIS YEAR.

Auster said that according to these reports, the inner Holy City would have a Christian Mayor and a Council composed of the heads of the religious communities.

Eisenhower's Political Analysis

Washington, Oct. 16. General Dwight Eisenhower, in his second monthly report on the Military Government in Germany, issued to-day, said:

"Informal reports indicate that, in a fair and impartially supervised election, Berlin would not support the present Communist Party dominance of the city's government."

General Eisenhower added that the device of the political bloc, by which the four parties in Berlin on Communist initiative obtained surface unity during August, would not be tolerated in the United States Zone, as it ran counter to American concepts of political activity in the democratic sense.

Regarding the work of the Allied Control Council in Berlin, the report said: "Undoubtedly there will be major divergencies of policy to be accommodated but harmonious development of the necessary machinery for solution and cordial personal relations will give ground for real hope that even the most controversial problems will be dealt with objectively and that necessary solutions can be found."—Reuter.

LINGUISTICS EXPERT

MR. WONG SI-KING, FORMERLY LINGUISTICS TEACHER AT LINGNAN UNIVERSITY AND ONE OF A GROUP OF ETHNOLOGICAL RESEARCH WORKERS WHO IN THE SUMMER OF 1937 TURNED IN A COMPLETE ETHNICAL AND ANTHROPOLOGICAL SURVEY OF THE YAO TRIBE OF YUNNAN, IS IN HONG KONG WITH HIS WIFE.

The group with which Mr. Wong worked was headed by Dr. Reo Franklin Fortune, of Trebriand Island fame, then head of the Department of Sociology at Lingnan. Mr. Wong, himself, is an authority on Chinese dialects but modestly lays claim to being a real expert only in Cantonese. He is fluent in Hakka, Shanghai dialect, and some other variations of the Chinese language, and has been for some years compiling a new Chinese dictionary.

Just before the war he was offered a fellowship at the School of Linguistics at Harvard University, but had to turn this down in favour of the more important job of aiding in the evacuation of Chungshan University to Pingshek in north Kwangtung.

The tail of the evacuation involved a chase by the advancing Japanese Army toward Meishan, but students, instructors, professors and library got through without major mishap.

Mr. Wong left Pingshek with a party on September 28, travelling by river to Sheklung and thence by foot and sedan-chair to Hong Kong, arriving here on October 10. He will be leaving shortly to resume duties with Chungshan University at Canton.

ANDAMAN OFFER

S.E.A.C. Headquarters, Oct. 16. Ex-convicts from the penal settlement in the Andaman Islands, which is to be abolished, will be invited to remain in the islands under plans, announced to-day by the South East Asia Command Headquarters, to make them and the neighbouring Nicobar Islands one of the most prosperous areas in South-East Asia.—Reuter.

Washington, Oct. 17. The state department announced to-day that Koreans who have been abroad recently for return to the part of their homeland under American occupation.—Associated Press.

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NOTICE

Mrs. Sutherland Representative of the British Red Cross, is now in Hong Kong. Will anyone wishing to see her call at Room 425, Gloucester Hotel.

The Jewish Section would have a Jewish Mayor and a Jewish Council, while the Arab section would have an Arab Mayor and an Arab Council.

The three mayors would form a committee to deal with matters concerning the city as a whole and each of them in rotation would be Lord Mayor of the whole city for one year.

The Jerusalem Municipality is being temporarily run by a commission of British civil servants following the impasse on the question of whether the Mayor should be Arab or Jewish or Arab, Jewish and Christian in rotation.

Hitherto, although the majority of the city's population has long been Jewish, the mayor has always been Arab.

NOT CONFIRMED

Auster, who was acting Mayor of Jerusalem and the first Jew to have held such a post in Jerusalem, since the destruction of the temple in A.D. 70, was addressing a meeting of mayors and councillors of the London boroughs.

He emphasised that the reports about the Commission's intention to recommend the partition could not be confirmed until the Commission's report is published. Even then it might be rejected by the British Colonial Office.

He claimed that the Jerusalem Council which comprised six Arabs and six Jews worked in complete harmony until the Arab members reluctantly walked out last July under "political pressure from outside."—Reuter.

Enough To Eat For All

QUEBEC, OCT. 17. TWELVE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAVE ARRIVED TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE OF THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL ORGANISATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

The Chairman of the Interim Commission said he expected some forty-four nations to attend the Conference either as observers or full members.

It is uncertain whether the Delegation will attend as observers or members owing to the fact that the Soviets have not yet accepted the Constitution of this Organisation.

The United States Secretary of Agriculture, leader of the United States Delegation, stated that the organisation would attempt to "correct the situation which let nearly two-thirds of the world's population go without enough to eat."—Reuter.

MINIMUM WAGE BILL

Washington, Oct. 17. Congressional observers do not believe that the sixty-five cent wage rate mentioned in impending legislation will stand.

However, the minimum wage will probably be raised by Congress to above the forty cents hourly now prevailing.

The Chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee is en route to the United Nations Food Conference. It is predicted that the food production will be controlled on a world-wide basis within a few years to prevent surpluses.—Reuter.

FOUND NOT GUILTY

Gulam Nabi, private Indian watchman, charged with the murder of Ghulam Ali at No. 1c, Stanley Street on September 8, was found not guilty by the Standing Military Court on Tuesday and discharged.

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SEES VISIONS

Sandusky, Ohio, Oct. 17. Ninabelle Cross, who insists that a vision of the Delty cured her of an illness of 10 years, will see her first Talking motion picture to-morrow. It will be "The Song of Bernadette," the story of a French peasant girl who wrought cures by faith after experiencing visions. Miss Cross, a 38-year-old former school teacher, said she experienced visions on September 28 that resembled pictures of Christ.—Associated Press.

Songgram Held To Blame

CHUNGKING, OCT. 17. CHONG PA-KEE, REPRESENTATIVE OF CHINESE RESIDENTS OF SIAM, SAID TO-DAY THAT THEY WANTED CHINESE TROOPS TO PROTECT CHINESE LIVES AND INTERESTS.

He said 40 Chinese were killed and 100 wounded in the Bangkok riots.

Chungking already has protested and a foreign office spokesman said China might be forced to take concrete steps. Chong alleged the Siamese "blood and steel society" used Gestapo methods to terrorize 3,000,000 Chinese in Siam.

He accused the former Premier Songgram with responsibility for formation of the fascist organization, saying he called Siam's Chinese, "Far Eastern Jews," and generally adopted Hitler methods. He expressed the belief the latest change in the premiership of Siam wouldn't help the situation.—Associated Press.

Amnesty To A Million

Tokyo, Oct. 17. Emperor Hirohito, in an Imperial Rescript unprecedented in scope, has granted amnesty to approximately a million persons to-day, the festival day of Kanamasa, when the first rice crop is offered to the gods. He has pardoned 320,000, reduced the sentences of 37,000 and restored civil rights to 600,000.—Reuter.

SATISFIED

Washington, Oct. 17. The United States Secretary of the Interior has reported fully to President Truman on the Anglo-American Oil Agreement, which will be submitted to the Senate for confirmation. He stated: "It is a good agreement and fully satisfies the objections to the previous agreement."—Reuter.

Toronto, Oct. 17. The National Headquarters of the Canadian Junior Red Cross War Fund announced that it is shipping over \$82,000 worth of food for the relief of British children, and \$20,000 for the Dutch children.—Reuter.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

LETTERS FOR CANADA, etc.

A surface letter mail for Canada direct and United States, Central and South America and Europe via Canada will be despatched by S.S. "SHIRABANK".

The mail will close at 3 p.m. on Saturday, 20th October, 1945.

J. H. B. LEE, D.A.D.C.A. (Posts & Telegraphs.)

17th October, 1945.

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LETTERS FOR UNITED KINGDOM, etc.

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16th October, 1945.

TERAUCHI NOT HELD TO BLAME

SAIGON, OCT. 17. A BRITISH AUTHORITY SAID YESTERDAY THAT FIELD MARSHAL COUNT TERAUCHI IS NOT BLAMED FOR THE REBELLIONS IN INDO-CHINA AND THE NETHERLANDS INDIES. HIS ONE IDEA SEEMED TO BE TO GET JAPANESE TROOPS RETURNED TO THEIR HOMES.

He also denied that Terauchi, commander-in-chief of Japan's southern armies, containing many troublesome elements, was ever under house arrest, but said he was recently removed to new quarters more accessible to Lord Louis Mountbatten's Allied control commission.

The aged count, an invalid, probably will be among the last going home. His first meeting with Lord Mountbatten will probably be at Singapore for the final seal on the surrender, which one of the count's subordinates signed because of Terauchi's ailing health.

The British spokesman said: "The Japs admit some of their troops—deserters from their commands—have been insubordinate and recalcitrant, but all general commanders are playing ball now after removal of some of their staff and some junior officers."—Associated Press.

N.Y. STOCKS

New York, Oct. 17. Belated demands for stocks, liquors and specialties rallied the stock market on Tuesday after a moderate retreat on 1,500,000 shares. The Dow-Jones averages were: industrials 185.49; rails, 69.89; utilities 36.34. Chicago wheat was off one-fourth to one and three-eighths.—Associated Press.

MONEY RATES

Chungking, Oct. 17. In the unofficial market to-day the American dollar reached its highest level at 1,295 Chinese National Dollars and lowest at 1,210, closing at NC\$1,250, per American Dollar.

The Gold Bar price was unchanged at CN\$12,500.—Reuter.

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Bids, in sealed covers, should be left at the Acting Custodian's Office, Second floor, Mercantile Bank Building, Queen's Road, Victoria, on or before noon 20th October, 1945.

A deposit of Dollars One Hundred must be made on deposit of each tender, which will be returned if tender is not accepted.

The Acting Custodian does not bind himself to accept the highest or any tender.

R. A. WICKERSON, CONTROLLER OF GODOWNS, Acting Custodian of Property.

Victoria, 13th October, 1945.

NOTICE

REGISTRY OF MARRIAGES.

The public are hereby informed that the former normal procedure in respect of marriages in the colony will be observed. Marriage certificate forms as supplied to licensed places of worship, may be obtained at the Registry of Marriages, Supreme Court.

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Indians Win V.C.s In Burma

London, Oct. 17. Three Indians were decorated with the Victoria Cross at an investiture held by the King at Buckingham Palace to-day. It was a unique occasion for the King to honour three of his Indian subjects with the highest military award. The recipients were Havildar Singh, of the 30th Indian Mounted Regiment, Nak Gnan Singh, of 415th Punjab Regiment and Rifleman Hanabanta Gurung, of 32nd Gurkha Rifles, each of whom won the Victoria Cross in desperate fights against numerous Japanese in Burma.—Reuter.

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Strikers Fall Out

NEW YORK, OCT. 17. A SPLIT DEVELOPED TO-DAY IN THE RANKS OF NEW YORK'S STRIKING DOCK WORKERS, AS APPROXIMATELY 6,000 RETURNED TO WORK DESPITE A CHORUS OF JEERS FROM FELLOW MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LONGSHOREMEN'S ASSOCIATION. Although indications had been that most of the dock workers were ready to return to their jobs, thousands of them continued the 10-day walkout.

Union leaders distributed circulars blaming Harry Bridges, leader of the rival Pacific Coast International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union, affiliated with the Congress of Industrial Organizations, for the split in the strikers' ranks.

Bridges said while in New York this week that his union stood ready to help the strikers in obtaining their new contract demands.

Dock Strike Uncertainty

London, Oct. 17. The docks' strike position in the London area is still confused, but the Secretary of Transport and General Workers' Union adheres to his opinion that the strikers will return to work. A mass meeting of London dock-workers was called for this morning. The position in the Provinces remains unchanged, except in Blyth where the men are returning to-day.—Reuter.

Several ships have already been unloaded of their valuable food cargoes by more than a thousand troops at Liverpool. The military commenced unloading two more vessels which docked overnight.

The Merseyside Dockers Committee is meeting this afternoon to discuss preparations for a meeting of the men which it is understood will be held to-morrow.—Reuter.

Salvage Of Unrra Goods

Trieste, Oct. 17. Working under the direction of the UNRRA's Marine salvage engineer, Yugoslav sponge divers to-day began salvage of 1,200 tons of relief supplies sunk in Trieste last August.

Samples of clothing and raw materials recovered were found to be in excellent condition. The cargo includes 15,372 bales of used clothing, 2,370 bales of raw wool, 2,800 bales of leather hides, and 20,000 sacks of rye.—Reuter.

A Glad Hand

Peiping, Oct. 17. An estimated million Chinese cheered United States marines who paraded in Japanese-surrendered trucks for more than two hours to-day.

Chinese bandits fired on advance marine patrols 30 miles from Tientsin. The Peiping welcome was a repetition of the greeting the populace gave Monday to advance units of the Chinese national army.—Associated Press.

SYDNEY LIGHTS

Sydney, Oct. 17. Efforts to settle the strike of electrical workers have again failed. There are fears that the situation may develop into a general stoppage of industry as part of a campaign for a forty-hour week. It is estimated that if there is no settlement by Sunday, the coal stocks will be exhausted.—Reuter.

London, Oct. 16. Suffering from a gall bladder ailment, Edward Stettinius, United States representative in the United Nations world security league preparatory commission, started for home by plane to-day on his physician's advice.—Associated Press.

"FIFTEEN MINUTES OF LIBERTY OUGHT TO BE ENOUGH FOR THEM."

LONDON, OCT. 17. IF DR. ANTONIO SALAZAR, THE PORTUGUESE PREMIER, MAKES NO SIGN OF COMPLYING WITH THE DEMANDS OF THE OPPOSITION PARTY FOR POSTPONEMENT OF THE ELECTIONS AND CERTAIN MINIMUM CONDITIONS OF FREEDOM TO BE GRANTED, THE STRUGGLE MAY ENTER ON A MORE DANGEROUS PHASE, SAYS REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT, DOUGLAS BROWN, REPORTING FROM LISBON.

THE CIVIL GOVERNOR OF LISBON IS EXPECTED TO MAKE A PUBLIC STATEMENT ON THIS DECISIVE ISSUE TO-DAY AND IT IS BELIEVED THAT HE WILL ANNOUNCE THE FINAL OFFICIAL REFUSAL TO POSTPONE THE ELECTIONS OR MEET OTHER DEMANDS.

The reserve Militiamen have been warned to report for duty immediately on receipt of a telegram, on pain of imprisonment. The army is on manoeuvres, with tanks, machine-guns and armoured cars recently supplied by Britain under the Azores agreement.

The Portuguese Police Forces have been placed in a "state of prevention" which means that all leave is stopped and they sleep in barracks.

All students' political meetings are banned and the police listen to the telephones of citizens of who have signed the petition for free elections.

FIRST SUCCESS

The Opposition consider that they won the first major contest to-day when the newspaper "Diario Popular" was allowed to resume publication. The paper was suppressed for refusing to print a pro-Salazar leading article and Portuguese newspaper proprietors held several meetings yesterday to decide how to support the paper in its struggle against the government.

They discovered that if they were all to cease publication in sympathy with the paper they would be liable under the present legislation to criminal proceedings for conspiracy.

But the paper re-appeared to-day without printing the demanded article. On the contrary, it publishes to-day a demand not only for free elections but for a large number of social reforms.

On the other hand, the paper now admits that its previous figure of one hundred thousand Lisbon supporters for the opposition's petition for free elections was obtained from "certain promoters of the movement." This figure is now

claimed by the Opposition to have been greatly exceeded. Among the signatories are six High Court Judges.

TIMES' COUNSEL

The Opposition to-day also hails as a signal of triumph a passage in yesterday's leading article in the "London Times" which counsels Salazar to postpone his elections and bid for a real victory later on.

The long extract from the "Times" editorial wirelessly to Lisbon by Reuters was at first banned by the Portuguese censors, but the ban has now been lifted.

To-day's reform in the present election series of reforms announced by the government is a species of Habeas Corpus Act.

The government claims that Portugal is the first Continental country to enshrine this ancient English principle in its regular legislation.

CHURCHILL DICTA

One of the arguments frequently brought forward by the Opposition is "Churchill's famous message to the Italian people naming the essential conditions for democratic freedom"—which include the people's right to turn out a government of which they disapprove and the constitutional means by which they can make their will apparent.

All these conditions, they maintain, are absent from Portugal to-day and the "elections" in which Salazar has usually gained a ninety-five per cent majority. They allege that abstentions were counted as votes in favour of the regime which was why democrats took care not to be put on the voting list.

The Minister of the Interior, Colonel Julio Botelho Moniz, on his now famous election tour said yesterday at Pavia de Laxosa: "I can't understand how our opponents find forty days too short. Fifteen minutes of liberty ought to be enough for them."—Reuter.

Cambodia Puppet Arrested

SAIGON, OCT. 17. THE FRENCH HAVE ARRESTED THE JAPANESE PUPPET PREMIER OF THE INDO-CHINESE PROVINCE OF CAMBODIA, SOON NGOC TAN, AT THE CAMBODIAN CAPITAL OF PNOM PENH, AND REPLACED HIM BY THE FORMER DEFENCE MINISTER, KIN MIT, WHO VISITED SAIGON LAST WEEK AND REQUESTED THE FRENCH TO SEND TROOPS TO PNOM PENH TO COUNTER THE GROWING UNREST THERE.

SINCE KIN MIT'S VISIT TO SAIGON, THE FRENCH GARRISON IN PNOM PENH HAS BEEN AUGMENTED.

There is also a small British unit there but, it is stated, it is only there to supervise affairs relative to the Japanese in the province.

Meanwhile, quiet continues in Saigon and British troops are extending the perimeter to the North, South and West, meeting with only very slight and sporadic resistance.

There have been no incidents in the French sector. No gunfire was heard this morning.—Reuter.

MYSTERY STORY

Suggestions that a mysterious Annamite envoy has arrived in London were emphatically denied in both British and French official quarters this afternoon.

According to British sources none is expected.

The British attitude to the events in Indo-China is embodied in the "civil affairs agreement" recently negotiated with France, which recognises French sovereignty and administrative rights throughout the zone which British troops have entered.

The supposed source of these rumours is the presence in London of an Annamite artist, who has been carrying out a certain amount of propaganda. This individual is believed to have been in London for a considerable period. He enjoys no official position.—Reuter.

THE PALESTINE HEADACHE

LONDON, OCT. 17. THE PALESTINE PROBLEM TO THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION IS ONE SOLUTION UNDER DISCUSSION IN LONDON POLITICAL QUARTERS.

It is argued that for this proposal that as the present phase of the problem, arises partly out of the displacement of the European Jewish population the subject could properly come within the scope of the United Nations' discussions.

Official quarters have not commented on this or on other proposals which are now under discussion at Westminster. Many observers think that the government will make no statement or announce that the interested parties have been asked to arrive at some interim agreement.

One section of opinion considers that a London round-table conference may emerge from the present endeavour to allay the Middle East crisis. In such case they would not be surprised to find the United States and other United Nations invited as observers.—Reuter.

To Recruit In Far East

London, Oct. 17. The Home Secretary, the Rt. Hon. Chuter Ede, stated in the House of Commons to-day that some sixteen thousand police vacancies were likely to occur and men serving in the armed forces would be able to apply for appointments as regular policemen.

The limited number of men accepted—not exceeding five thousand by the end of June next—would be released from the Services under Class "B" terms, subject in each case to service requirements.

The Home Secretary added that a special recruiting mission would be sent to the Far East.—Reuter.

A Big Job In Big Way

Washington, Oct. 17. Gen. George C. Marshall declared at a banquet in his honour to-day that "We made a colossal effort to bring victory at the earliest possible time, and we must be exceedingly careful that we don't waste that victory."

President Truman, who introduced the supreme American army commander, said he had done the greatest military task in the world's history and not only acted as United States chief of staff but head of the chiefs of staff of all the Allies.—Associated Press.

FRIENDLY CRICKET

In reply to a total of 69 (G. N. Gosano 31, Major Evill 4 for 22) by Col. L. T. Ridsa XI, an Army side scored 80 (Capt. Korris 30) at H.K.C.C. yesterday.

SINGAPORE'S NAVAL BASE

London, Oct. 17. The Admiralty announced to-day that Singapore would be re-established soon as the British fleet's main base in the Far East. The job of putting the anchorage and shore facilities into condition has been progressing well.—Associated Press.

THE UNIVERSAL CRY

Want To Go Home

HAKATA, OCT. 17. THE UNITED STATES MARINES' JOB OF POLICING SOUTHWESTERN JAPAN HAS BEEN MADE MORE DIFFICULT BY THE RUSH OF AN ESTIMATED 1,500,000 KOREANS FROM JAPANESE FARMS, MINES AND FACTORIES TO HAKATA TO AWAIT TRANSPORTATION TO THEIR HOMELAND.

They are arriving at the rate of about 500 daily. Those former impressed labourers are posing a major problem for occupation authorities, but Brig.-Gen. Ray A. Robinson, assistant commander of the fifth marines, said: "I think we'll have it licked in a few days."

He told Japanese demobilization authorities to cease bringing Koreans released by the Japanese army breakup until Korean civilians can be sent home on ships which are bringing Japanese soldiers from Korea.

The sinking of three ships which hit mines while on this assignment has complicated the situation.—Associated Press.

Gloucester Gala Night

Although the Officers' Club in the Gloucester has been catering on a modest scale for some little time now, the formal christening was postponed until last evening. It was quite a party.

The function took the form, in the main, of a dance in the ballroom of the Gloucester, but the ladies must have found it rather difficult to believe that there are only, roughly, sixty naval craft in the harbour, and have given up trying to count the number of Army and R.A.F. officers present.

However, no anti-aircraft patrol was operating and the affair went with a swing from its commencement, 7 p.m., until midnight.

Chiefly responsible for the organisation were Commander G. H. Gerson, R.N.V.R., head of the Combined Service Clubs, and Lieut. James Telfer, R.N.V.R., who is Secretary of the Gloucester Officers' Club.

It is understood that a third Officers' Club—the second is already established on Kelle Island—will be opened shortly at the Lido, Repulse Bay.

JERUSALEM BOMB

Jerusalem, Oct. 17. A bomb exploded yesterday outside the house of Mohammed El Hussaini, Kinsman of Haj Amin El Hussaini. No damage was reported.

The police believe that the incident was the result of "rivalry" between leading Moslem families in the Holy City.—Reuter.

JAP. TRICK

Singapore, Oct. 10. The poisoned liquor, which caused the death of twenty-two men of the Army, Navy and Air Force in Singapore last week, was a delayed-action booby-trap set by the Japanese before they surrendered, states the Tropes newspaper SEAC, quoting a senior customs official here.—Reuter.

RADIO

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18th, 1945.
ZBW HONGKONG Broadcasting on Frequencies of 690 Kilocycles and from 12.00—1.30 p.m., 6.00—7.50 p.m. and 9.00—10.30 p.m. on 5.47 Megacycles.

H.K.T.
12.00 p.m.—Variety with Margatroyd & Witterbottom.

1.00 p.m.—News & Announcements.

1.10 p.m.—Light Orchestral Selections.

1.30 p.m.—Brahms—Sonata No. 2 in F Major (Cello & Piano).

2.00 p.m.—Class Down.

5.30 p.m.—Dance Music.

7.00 p.m.—News & Announcements.

7.10 p.m.—Tartini—"Devil's Trill" Sonata (Violin & Piano).

7.25 p.m.—Selections from Verdi's Opera.

8.00 p.m.—An Hour of Variety.

9.00 p.m.—News & Announcements.

9.10 p.m.—Anton & the Paramount Theatre Orchestra.

9.35 p.m.—Radio-Hal Loranzo at the Flair.

10.00 p.m.—News from London.

10.05 p.m.—Gilbert & Sullivan Excerpts.

10.30 p.m.—Class Down.

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